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A GROUP OF ARISTOCRATIC ENGLISH ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS

ENGLISH WOMEN PROCLAIM THAT THEY NEED NO VOTE

Thousands Greet With Enthusiasm a Formidable Movement in Antagonism to That Which Seeks Woman's Suffrage



Lady Duff Gordon

BOGUS PRIEST HAS AUDIENCE OF THE POPE

Diplomatic Circles in Rome and High Vatican Officials Victims of Swindler.

WOMAN'S ASSAILANT NO ORDINARY INSECT

ROME, March 16. The Italian police entertain hopes of having captured the murderous assailant of Miss Lowe, the victim of the Turin-Medane express outrage, in the person of a French swindler, who describes himself as the Abbe Leon de Rubery, priest of the Archdiocese of Rheims.

This elegant ecclesiastic, after a series of audacious frauds at the sanctuary at Lourdes, came to Rome, where he successfully imposed upon numerous high personages at the Vatican and in diplomatic society, and on Candlemas Day even achieved the feat of a special audience with the Pope, to whom the wily abbe presented an exquisitely painted wax candle of colossal size. De Rubery was arrested at Montecassino while leaving the famous Benedictine abbey, where he had presented forged letters of introduction from Rome to the Abbot Krug.

King's Shoemaker Sent to Prison.

LONDON, March 16.—Henry Hawke, 70 years old, who said he made the King's first pair of shoes, was sentenced at the Middlesex Sessions to twelve months' hard labor as a rogue and vagabond. He has been convicted many times of begging.

LIFE PENSION GRANTED FOR MOSQUITO BITE

Court Awards Workman Who Lost Arm Forty-Five Per Cent of Wages.

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BERLIN, March 16. A curious case has been decided in Augsburg in connection with the German Employers' Liability laws. A workman named Glaser, employed in a color and varnish works, was bitten on the arm by a mosquito. The bite festered, blood poisoning set in and the arm had to be amputated.

He brought his case before a mixed council of employers and workmen's representatives, which decided against him, on the ground that this was an accident to which any one might have been liable, and was in no way connected with Glaser's work. Glaser appealed to the arbitrators, which the law provides, and the case was finally decided in his favor. He will be paid for the rest of his life an annuity amounting to 45 per cent of his wages.

Magistrate a Century Old.

GARDIFF, March 16.—The Rev. Hugh Pritchard, of Llanant, Anglesey, will celebrate his 100th birthday today. He is a Magistrate for the county.

What the Leaders Say.

Miss Taylor has received a large number of letters and telegrams of support and encouragement.

The Dowager Countess of Desart writes: "It is a pity that women should wish to be the rank and file of the army instead of being content to officer it from superior heights."

"I have signed the protest," writes Lady Hamilton-Gordon, "and a number of my friends are doing likewise. We should be the laughing stock of Europe if the Woman's Suffrage Bill were passed."

"There is a mistaken idea that women with large properties should be aggrieved because they have not a vote. I cannot understand why this should be the case. Landed property is so well represented in Parliament. Women have an enormous sphere before them in guardianship, etc. Let them develop these before thinking of the franchise."

"Women do not realize their power of influence. If they wish any great and feasible question brought before Parliament, there are always members of Parliament who are ready to do so."

"I feel very strongly," writes Lady Russell Reynolds, "the injustice of forcing the vote upon thousands of women who do not want it, which would be the case if the Woman's Suffrage Bill were passed. My truest sympathy goes out to the cause. I have good reason to believe that we, the women who do not want the vote, are in a vast majority."

Premier for Franchise Bill.

Meanwhile the women suffragists are not idle. They have just secured a victory in securing from the Premier a promise to vote for their bill, which measure has been introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Dickinson. This promise is a qualification from the franchise if a woman possesses the same qualification as would entitle a man.

This means that any woman ratepayer shall have a vote, and that a married woman, who is a joint occupier or ratepayer with her husband, shall also be entitled to vote.

The bill also proposes not only to confer a vote on all female ratepayers but also to occupy on the same terms as on the other sex, but to extend the lodger franchise to females.

The object of the promoters of the bill has been to avoid creating a new class of franchisees.

The names on the back of the bill, in addition to that of the introducer, are Mr. Stuart, Corrie Grant, the Hon. Geoffrey Howard, Hart Davies, P. Snowden and Cameron Corbett.

The committee responsible for the circulation of the protest against woman's suffrage state that it will be presented to the Prime Minister before the second reading of the Woman's Suffrage bill.

EXPLOSION ON A DESTROYER

Several Men Injured by Accident on Board British Warship.

CORFU, March 16.—The British destroyer, H.M.S. Dragon, Desperado and Poam went out at noon today on a steam trial. At 5 o'clock a tube in the Dragon's boiler exploded, injuring severely Sicklers Dawe, Parks and Brown, and slightly injuring Chief Stoker Gough and two men named Moyle and Wilton.

The Dragon was towed into harbor and the men were landed and taken to the military hospital.

ENGLISH ARMY OFFICER ENLISTS IN THE RANKS

Mystery of Disappearance Solved When He is Identified as the Most Popular Man in Famous Highland Regiment

EDINBURGH, March 16.

DEBONAIR Lieutenant Tryon, who mysteriously disappeared from the Hotel Metropole on the early morning of January 31, has for three weeks past been the darling recruit of the Seaforth Highlanders in Edinburgh Castle. Now, as explained in the Daily Mail yesterday, to the great regret of his comrades, he is guarded as a prisoner in the castle.

It was at the beginning of the frozen search for him by private detectives and Scotland Yard that on Thursday, February 7, a tall, clean-shaven young fellow walked up to a recruiting sergeant in Stirling, and after an introductory word remarked: "I would like to enlist in the Seaforth Highlanders." The recruiting officer, with a keen eye for a fine man, regarded the young six-footer as a "find." He asked him particulars as to himself.

"My name is John Fraser," said the young man, "and for eighteen months I have been at a place near Stirling." There was more conversation, the upshot of which was that the stranger was given a railway warrant for Edinburgh, and on February 9 found himself with the Seaforth Highlanders at Edinburgh Castle, an accepted recruit. He entered himself as having been born in the parish of Waterloo, London, and his trade or profession as that of a laborer.

John Fraser soon proved himself no ordinary laborer. A giant in physique, he had the upright carriage and the lithe movements of the athlete. Critical drill sergeants turned an approving eye on him. He was really a wonderful recruit.

Within a week John Fraser had been tentatively selected to bear the big drum, though it was felt that he should never reach that honor.

Scrubbing the Floors.

His comrades liked him very much because, speaking and behaving as a cultured man, he yet showed nothing in the shape of "swagger." In athletics he excelled, and he carried out his new duties as though to the manner born. On getting up in the morning he would quickly make his bed, and after recruits' drill would take his turn at the ordinary duties of the newly joined soldier, holding to carry in the food of his colleagues, sweeping the floors and scrubbing them. The men were instinctively impressed with John Fraser, and in the course of a week or two he became a favorite. He put on no airs, visited the canteen with the others, but nevertheless gave little or no information about himself.

It was in the canteen on Monday evening last that there arose a dramatic scene. A lance-corporal was reading a paper which contained a portrait of the missing Lieutenant Tryon, and suddenly looking up at Private John Fraser near him, called his attention to the picture and the strong resemblance.

The new recruit turned not a hair. Smilingly he admitted that he and Lieutenant Tryon were one. The men were staggered into silence. But then came the surprising thing. These stalwart Scotsmen, having found a good man, had no idea of telling tales about him. The news spread like wildfire among the Highlanders, but although many scores knew the identity of John Fraser, all kept the news religiously from the authorities. How it eventually crept out is not known, but two days later, on the Wednesday night, John Fraser was placed under arrest. Under the name of Lieutenant Tryon he still remains under arrest.

Colonel's Statement.

The following statement was issued yesterday morning by Colonel Macintosh, commanding the regiment: "Private Fraser, who enlisted three weeks ago into the Seaforth Highlanders, quartered at Edinburgh Castle, has been identified as Lieutenant Tryon, who absented himself without leave from his unit at Gosport. He is at present detained at Edinburgh Castle."

Speaking yesterday, Colonel Macintosh remarked: "I do not think there is anything else to say. A large number of the men knew of his identity, but they kept it to themselves. Now, all I have to do is detain him. What action the authorities will take I cannot say. As to any explanation of the lieutenant's action, I have heard nothing."

Brank, the sergeant major of the Seaforth, a splendid specimen of the muscular Scotsman, was a little dejected yesterday. "You ought to have seen him (Lieutenant Tryon) walking at the end of that detachment of recruits on parade. He was 'great.' There was only one other man in the regiment to equal him in physique," said the sergeant major sadly.

A fellow-private with Lieutenant Tryon remarked on the ease with which he did his military tasks. "You ought to have seen him sewing the buttons on his clothes. He did it perfectly." Another private remarked: "One of the smartest chaps we ever had. A splendid fellow, and a sergeant added: 'He was just the man for our big drum, and we shan't get another like him.' Altogether, an air of melancholy lies over Edinburgh Castle."

HEIRLOOM PICTURES CUT FROM THEIR FRAMES

English Country Mansion Raided and Many Objects of Art Stolen.

LONDON, March 16.

Following the robbery of valuable old masters from Park lane, and a few days later from an art gallery at Pwllhel, comes news that a similar theft of heirloom pictures has taken place at Lydiat Hall, near Omskirk, a mansion belonging to Charles Weld-Blundell.

In addition to the paintings, the thieves took away some beautiful carved paneling work, which formed part of the ornamentation of the principal rooms. The house has been unoccupied for some time, and is unfurnished, but the pictures, being family heirlooms, had to be left in the house under a clause in the will of a previous Squire of Ince Blundell, Lydiat Hall stands in a secluded part of the country, and the thieves seem to have gone about their work with great deliberation.

Entrance was obtained by a window. The stolen pictures were cut out of the frames with a sharp knife. The police have the matter in hand.

Mr. Weld-Blundell is a member of an old Lancashire family. He has spent large sums in acquiring works of art, and his seat, Ince Blundell Hall, which is not far from Lydiat Hall, has a European reputation for its art treasures, which comprise by far the largest private collection of antique marbles in the country. Mr. Blundell spent a great part of the year at Lulworth Castle in Dorset, where he entertained the King some years ago.

FIREMAN FIREBUG TO SHOW HIS ZEAL

Starts a Blaze, Then Loudly Blows His Trumpet to Summon Brigade.

PARIS, March 16.

A fireman named Pierre Goncon, aged 25, was sentenced to Grenoble yesterday to penal servitude for life for incendiarism. Goncon was trumpeter to the Echelles fire brigade, and showed extraordinary zeal in his duties. No sooner did a fire break out than he appeared in the street loudly blowing his trumpet to summon the members of the brigade.

The firemen had reason to believe that they were called out a little too frequently. On two or three occasions it was found that the trumpeter had sounded the alarm even before the fire had actually broken out. As no fewer than thirty fires broke out in the little town in two months, Goncon was arrested, but was discharged for lack of evidence.

Instead, however, of taking the lesson to heart, Goncon was discovered one evening throwing lighted matches into a barrel of hay. Under his blouse he had secreted his trumpet, ready to run out and sound the alarm. The populace tried to lynch him.

In his defense Goncon said that he set fire to the barn merely to prove his zeal.

CONVICT COPPER BOUND

Sympathy of Paris Police Unearthed Rogues and Robbers.

PARIS, March 16.—Two policemen observed an abnormally stout man being helped along by two friends in the Rue Lefort today, and as he seemed to be in great pain, the officers advised his being taken to hospital.

At the policeman's first words the man's companions took to their heels, while he collapsed on the pavement. The police picked him up and found that he had sixty feet of copper cable wound under his vest. He proved to be an escaped convict named Lalune, and had stolen the cable.

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BRITISH ARISTOCRATS HUMBLED BY INDIANS

Disgraceful Features Attached to Fete and Fair in Aid of Charity.

LONDON, March 16.

The public mind was very much interested a few days ago by a laconic cablegram from Calcutta, which announced in two lines that Lord Kitchener had won a baby elephant in a "Lucky Bag."

There was a true touch of the gorgeous East about the message. Baby elephants are not often given as prizes at bazaars in England, and everybody wanted to know more about the stern soldier's playful pet.

Truth this week contains a long account from its Calcutta correspondent about the whole affair—a "Fancy Fete," which ran for a fortnight, in aid of the Minto Nursing Fund and the Calcutta hospitals. The fete was organized by a committee presided over by Lady Minto, the wife of the Viceroy.

"The 'Lucky Bag' the public was informed, would contain many valuable prizes, and it was announced that the chances would be 4 to 1. As a result of these inducements, and the mention of some of the prizes, such as a gig, a cottage piano and some diamond ornaments given by Lady Minto, 30,000 tickets were sold at a rupee each.

"When the time came for the draw to begin an immense crowd had gathered round the 'Lucky Bag' tent; soldiers, sailors and police had to be requisitioned to keep the crowd in order, and a pandemonium ensued. But the public indignation was finally roused by the trumpery nature of the majority of the prizes.

"Every petty tradesman in Calcutta seized the opportunity of obtaining a cheap advertisement by contributing some rubbishy article from his stock-in-trade. Thus when people went up with twenty tickets, drew nineteen blanks and one prize, and were then solemnly presented with a roll of colored crinkled paper, a tin of somebody's patent food or a packet of somebody's cheap cigarettes, they began to feel that they had been hoaxed.

"So much for the 'Lucky Bag.' I now come to what was really a disgraceful feature of the fete. In various parts of the grounds were tents in which roulette, les petits chevaux and various other kinds of gambling devices were kept in full swing. They proved highly attractive, and the edifying spectacle was provided of poor Indians gambling with their hard-earned rupees for the benefit of the show, which most of these poorer Indians believe, by the way, was really organized in honor of the Amir's visit."

BOERS HATE CHINESE, BUT FIND THEM USEFUL

New Government of the Transvaal Not Likely to Expatriate the Coolies.

DISTRESS IN THE RAND

JOHANNESBURG, March 16.

The new Ministry will adopt no heroic measure with regard to the repatriation of the Chinese coolies.

The imperial government will be thoroughly disillusioned if it expects the Boers to display any anxiety in the direction of sending the Chinamen home.

General Botha, the new Premier, and his colleagues, do not love the Asiatics, but they are wise enough to approve their stay in the country so long as it is to the Boer interest.

The Boers are far more interested in farming than in gold mining, but the success of one depends on the other. If the Chinamen were sent away, the demand of the mines for Kaffir labor would be so great that the Boer farms would be depleted of their hands.

If the Radical party knew how the average colonial in this country regards them, they would understand why people say they prefer Boer rule to being left to the erratic mercies of Downing street under a Liberal dispensation.

The real cause of the distress that prevails in this city among men whose wealth ran well into six figures only a few years ago is not far to seek. There are many capitalists who have retired to Europe, and have lent money on mortgage of real estate at 7 or 8 per cent, through the medium of the bankers. Owners of property find it almost impossible to pay mortgage interest, and the mortgages are foreclosing in every direction. There are no buyers, and absentee landlords can become owners of first-class properties at any price from a third to a half of what they cost to erect.

HAS FORTUNE IN SCRIP, YET CANNOT PAY RENT

Man Who Acted as Spy of Russia in Paris Now in Strange Predicament.

GENEVA, March 16.

Colonel Waldemar Annonsky, who was formerly attached to the staff of General Sakaroff during the Russo-Japanese war, was arrested at Bellinzona yesterday because he was unable to pay the rent for a single room which he occupied in a poor quarter of the town.

The police, on searching the officer's belongings, report that they found scrip of the face value of nearly \$400,000 and a certificate signed by General Sakaroff at Mukden in February, 1905, granting the colonel six months' sick leave.

The colonel refused to say how he obtained possession of the shares, but acknowledges that he had acted as a spy in Paris in the service of the Russian Government.

As the colonel said he could obtain funds from the Russian Consul at Milan, he was allowed to depart, but his papers and scrip were retained by the police.

PRINCESS AND CHILD BADLY HURT IN CRASH

Three Women Hurlled From Auto and Arm of the Chauffeur Dislocated.

ROME, March 16.

Countess Montignoso, ex-Crown Princess of Saxony, and the infant Princess Montica were badly injured in an automobile accident at Florence this evening. When on the Viale del Colli, hard by the famous Hotel Bonicani, the motor car, which was being guided by a young Swiss chauffeur, crashed into a large tree with such force as to rebound a distance of twenty-five yards.

The Countess Montignoso, her companion, Countess Fico, and a governess were all flung out a considerable distance, while the child, though much hurt, fell to the bottom of the car. The ladies were carried to a neighboring guard-house, where their wounds were dressed, after which they were removed to the Princess' residence, the Villa Belle-guardo. The chauffeur was stunned, and his shoulder was dislocated.



GROUP OF PARIS CABWOMEN READY FOR A 'FARE'

The example so boldly set by a woman in Paris recently of securing a license as a cab driver has been followed by several other women, and now there are about half a dozen, who may be seen daily steering their vehicles through the most crowded parts of the city. Owing, probably, to the novelty, they have secured a liberal patronage, and threaten to displace this new class of labor with its old-time husband and mistress.